

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Jackie Mles



Flowers, fruit, and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Bangalee Reserve near Nowra



Fruit and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Carnarvon Station Bush Heritage Reserve via Augathella, Qld

## Common name

Snake Vine, Tape Vine

## Family

Menispermaceae

## Where found

**Forest**, coastal **shrubland**, coastal dunes, and near streams. Coast and ranges.

## Notes

Climber with twining stems, to several metres high. Fruit fleshy. Young stems hairy with fine hairs, often becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 4–18 cm long, 40–150 mm wide; **peltate**, bases broadly rounded to slightly **cordate**, tips usually more or less gradually tapering to a point, surfaces hairless. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers with 3 or 4 **petals** each 0.5–1 mm long, and 6 or 8 **sepals** in two **whorls**, each about 1 mm long. Male flowers white to cream or greenish, female flowers greenish. Flowers mostly summer. Flowers in **head**-like clusters mostly 4–8 cm long. Fruit red at maturity, more or less oval, 2–8 mm long.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=in&name=Stephania~japonica+var.~discolor> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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